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## **Longtime Water Quality Board member recognized for work**

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – Bill Smith, a member of the Macomb County Water Quality Board since its creation in 1998, was recognized by the Macomb County Board of Commissioners for his many years of work on water quality issues in Macomb County.

Macomb County Board Chairman William Crouchman presented Smith, a Mount Clemens resident, with a resolution commending him for his work on the Blue Ribbon Commission on Lake St. Clair and the Water Quality Board.

The report by the Blue Ribbon Commission on Lake St. Clair led to the creation of the Macomb Water Quality Board and has been the cornerstone of water quality policy in Macomb County for the past decade.

“It has been an honor to work with such a dedicated and hardworking individual, it’s really good to see him get the recognition he deserves,” said Philis DeSaele, a Water Quality Board member and chair of the Health Services Committee of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners. “He has worked tirelessly for the past 20 years on water quality issues and really brought our policies up-to-date.”

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Smith, 70, also received the newly created John Hertel Award from the Water Quality Board and received recognition from U.S. senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow of Michigan, U.S. representatives Sander Levin and Candice Miller, Ken DeBeaussart, director of the Department of Environmental Quality's Office of the Great Lakes, Gary Morgan, executive director of the Clinton River Watershed Council and Matt Doss, a program manager for the Great Lakes Commission.

"Bill has been an invaluable member of the Water Quality Board," said Doug Martz, chairman of the Water Quality Board. "He's been with the board since it began and his accomplishments will outlast him. We're really going to miss him around here."

In addition to his work on the Blue Ribbon Commission and eight years of service on the Macomb Water Quality board, Smith is known for his work on the Clinton River Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council, which he chaired, and his efforts on the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, which designated areas of concern and set up public advisory committees.

Smith said he was originally motivated to begin working on water quality issues because he lived on the Clinton River and was concerned about the safety of people who use the waterway.

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